BookletChart

Bellingham Bay

(NOAA Chart 18424)

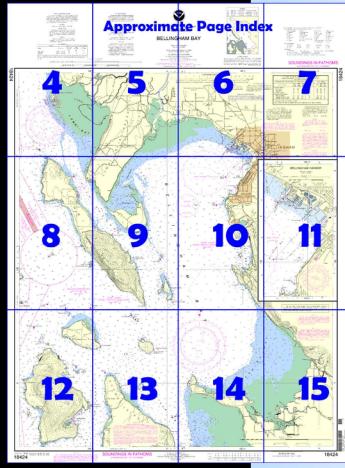


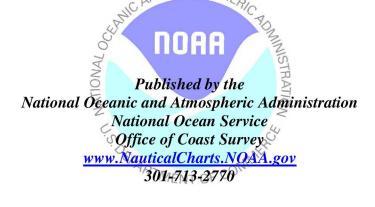
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What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 7, Chapter 12 excerpts] (366) Cypress Island, 1,530 feet high, steep on the lower slopes and gently rounding at the top, is on the E side of Rosario Strait and opposite Blakely Island. From S the island appears to lie in the middle of Rosario Strait.

(391) **Guemes Channel**, between Guemes Island on the N and Fidalgo Island on the S, leads E from Rosario Strait to Padilla Bay.

(417) **Padilla Bay,** between the mainland and the N part of Fidalgo Island, is largely

occupied by drying flats, but deep water is E of Anacortes and Guemes Island. Entrance to the bay from Rosario Strait is through Guemes Channel; a passage E of Guemes Island leads into Padilla Bay from the N.

(423) **Bellingham Channel**, deep between Cypress and Guemes Island, is the most direct route to Bellingham Bay from S. Between Cypress, Guemes, and Sinclair Islands the tidal currents have considerable velocity, but between Sinclair and Vendovi Islands the velocities are considerably less.

(426) Clark Point, on the E side of Bellingham Channel, is a steep bluff forming the N point of Guemes Island. A reef extends 300 yards N from the point. A marina, about 1.6 miles SE of Clark Point, has gasoline. A launching ramp and a hoist that can handle small craft to 18 feet is available. Vendovi Island is 1.8 miles NE of Clark Point. (428) Hale Passage, 6 miles long, separates Lummi Island from the mainland to the NE. Depths in the passage vary from 2 fathoms on the bar near the NW end to 20 fathoms in the SE end of the channel. (430) Lummi Island, a village on the W side of Hale Passage, is 1 mile S of Lane Spit. The village and island are linked to the mainland at Gooseberry Point by an automobile ferry. The ferry dock at Lummi Island is marked by a private light. A pier, adjacent to the ferry slip at Gooseberry Point, has a 6-ton hoist that can handle craft 28 feet long; gasoline, water, ice, marine supplies, and hull and engine repairs are available. Depths of 4 feet are reported off the end of the pier at the hoist. (432) Bellingham Bay, from William Point to the head, is about 12 miles long and 3 miles wide. Anchorage may be obtained almost anywhere in the bay S of the flats; the depths, over the greater portion, range from 6 to 15 fathoms. Because of the mud bottom, vessels are apt to drag anchor in heavy weather.

(433) **Samish Bay,** separated from Padilla Bay by Samish Island, with flats bare for a considerable distance at low water, forms the SE part of Bellingham Bay. Extensive oyster culture is carried on in the E portion of the bay.

(434) **Eliza Island**, low and partly wooded, is 1 mile NE of Carter Point. Shoals fringe most of the island, which should not be approached closer than about 400 yards. A rock covered 1 fathom is some 500 yards N of the W tip of the island.

(435) Vessels anchoring between Lummi Island and Eliza Island during heavy weather should be cautious of dragging anchor because of the poor holding ground.

(440) **Bellingham** is at the head of Bellingham Bay on the E shore. Wood and wood products including pulp, aluminum, chemicals, and general cargo are shipped out; salt, alumina, and general cargo are imported. A large pulpmill is just NE of the port wharves at Bellingham, and an aluminum smelter is at Ferndale. These mills have their own wharves, but use the port facilities to ship and receive some of their material.

(441) The S terminal of the Port of Bellingham, a cannery, and a boatbuilding plant are on the N side of Post Point at **South Bellingham.** The Alaska State Ferries depart from a facility just N of Post Point. A seafood plant is on the I and J Street Waterway; fishing boats unload at its wharf. The areas on both sides of the waterway channel are used for log storage. There are several other seafood wharves, oil docks, and other commercial facilities around the harbor.

(476) **Sandy Point**, about 2.5 miles N of Lummi Island and at the NW side of **Lummi Bay**, is the site of an extensive housing development fronting a privately dredged basin.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

Corrected through NM Dec. 02/06 Corrected through LNM Nov. 28/06

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

PLANE COORDINATE GRID (based on NAD 1927)

Washington State Grid, north zone, is indicated by dashed ticks at 5,000 foot intervals. The last three digits are omitted.

CANADIAN WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The National Weather Service station listed below provides continuous marine weather broad-casts. The range of reception is variable, but for most stations is usually 20 to 40 miles from the antenna site.

Vancouver, B. C. CFA-240 162.40 MHz

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the U. S. Coast Guard, Geological Survey, and National Geospatial-Intelligence

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 7 for important supplemental information.

CAUTION

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RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been comitted from this chart.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charling purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.61° southward and 4.618° westward to agree with this chart.

CALITION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when archoring descript or trawling. anchoring, dragging, or trawling.
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SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS (FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS) AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

NOTE A

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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S.
Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the
regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander,
13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington or at the
Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in
Seattle, Washington.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

The U.S. Coast Guard operates a mandatory Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system in the Puget Sound area. Vessel operating procedures and designated radiotelepone frequencies are published in 33 CFR 161, the U.S. Coast Pliot, and/or the VTS User's Manual. The entire area of the chart falls within the VTS system.

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NOTE B
Mariners are cautioned that the Whatcom County Ferry and/or local government may deviate from the published standard routes due to inclement weather, traffic conditions, navigational hazards or other emergency conditions. Standard ferry routes within the waters of the San Juan Islands are

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The areas labeled NWR (National Wildlife Refuge) are closed to the public to protect breeding colonies of seabirds, endangered and threatened species, and marine mammals. Boaters are requested to stay at least 200 yards away from these islands to avoid disturbance to these animals.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

COLREGS, 80.1390 (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

CAUTION

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This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

One-way traffic lanes overprinted on this chart are RECOMMENDED for use by all vessels traveling between the points involved. They have been designated to aid in the prevention of collisions in the Puget Sound and Strait of Georgia waters, but are not intended in any way to supersede or alter the applicable Rules of the Road. Separation zones are intended to separate inbound and outbound traffic and to be free of ship traffic. Separation Zones should not be used except for crossing purposes. When crossing traffic lanes and separation zones, use extreme caution.

Precautionary Areas have been established where major lanes merge and cross the traffic separation scheme. It is recommended that vessels proceed with caution in these areas. Wherever practical, vessels entering or leaving the system should do so at these precautionary areas. For more information regarding Traffic Separation Scheme procedures and regulations, see 33 CFR 167 and / or chapter 2 of the U.S. Coast Piot.

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

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PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	
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Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

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WHATCOM WATERWAY							
OUTER REACH	23.1	30.3	31.1	2-96	363	0.62	30
MIDDLE REACH	9.3	22.1	16.7	2-96	363	0.36	30
INNER REACH	2.1	1.7	8.7	2-96	363	0.12	18
I&J STREET WATERWAY	16.5	16.3	12.9	11-92	100	0.53	18
SQUALICUM CREEK WATERWAY							
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	28.1	28.8	28.7	5-05	200	0.34	26
SOUTHWEST PORTION OF BASIN	27.6	29.0	28.3	5-05	0-295	0.13	26
NORTHEAST PORTION OF BASIN	A26.2	A28.2	A28.4	5-05	200-295	0.28	26

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		feet	feet	feet	
Eagle Harbor	(48°35'N/122°42'W)	82	7.4	2.4	
Point Migley	(48°45'N/122°43'W)	86	7.8	2.6	
Bellingham	(48°45'N/122°30'W)	8.5	7.8	2.4	

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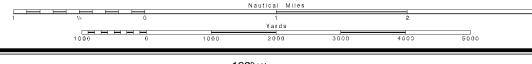
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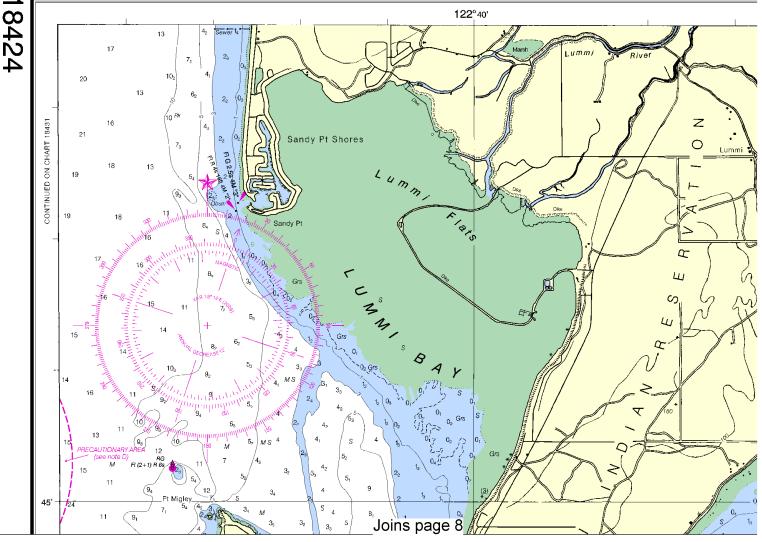
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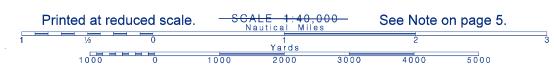
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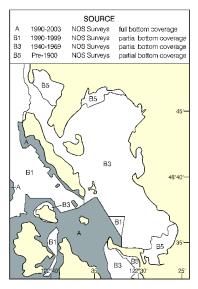
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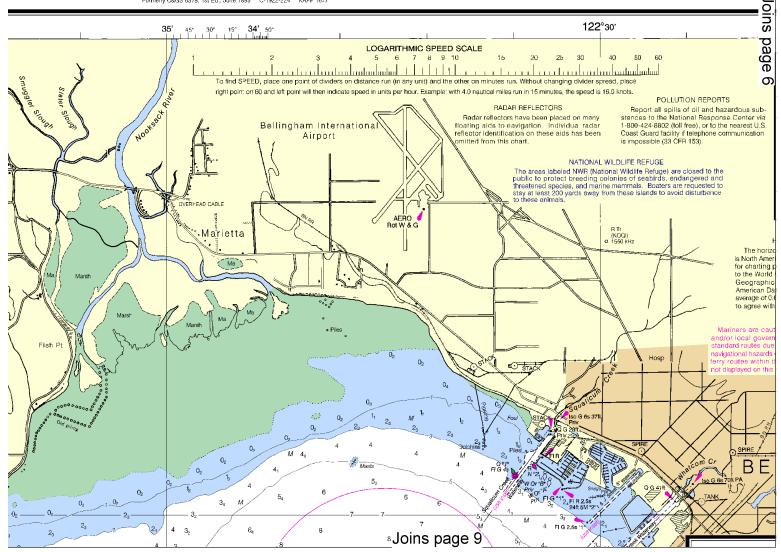
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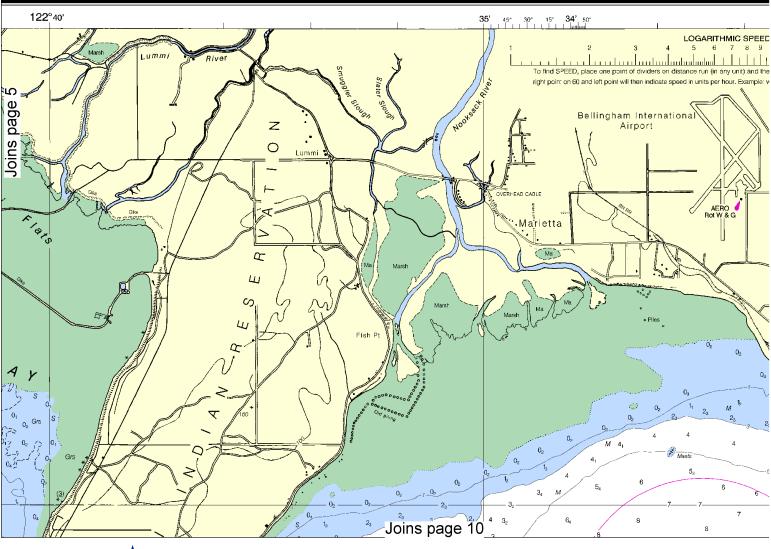
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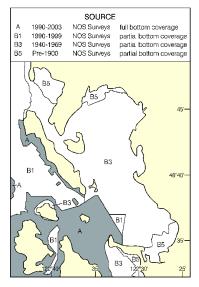
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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

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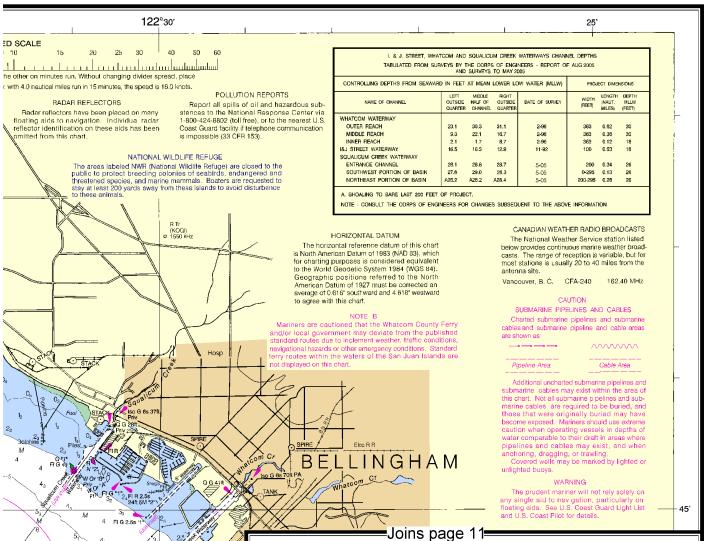
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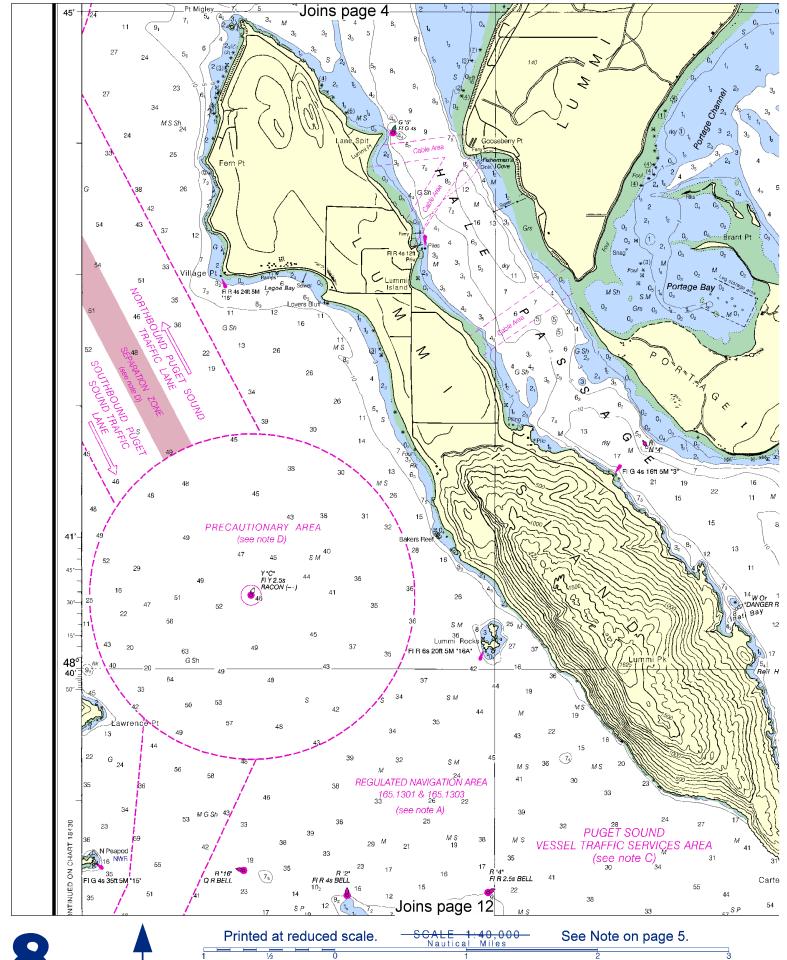
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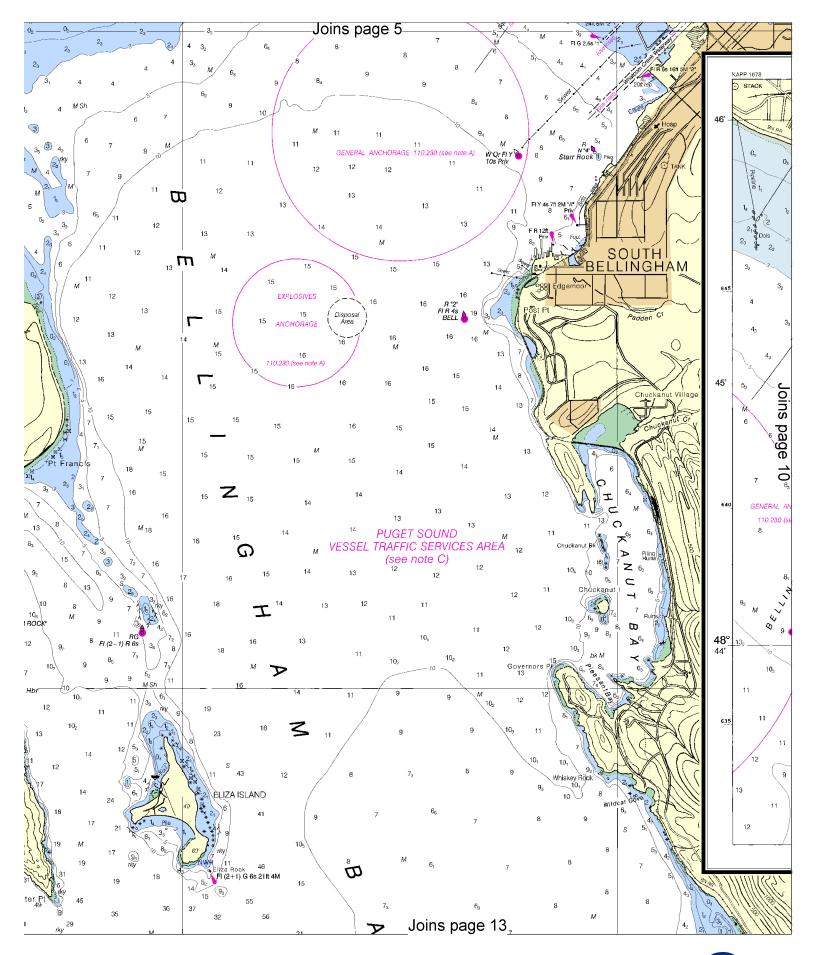


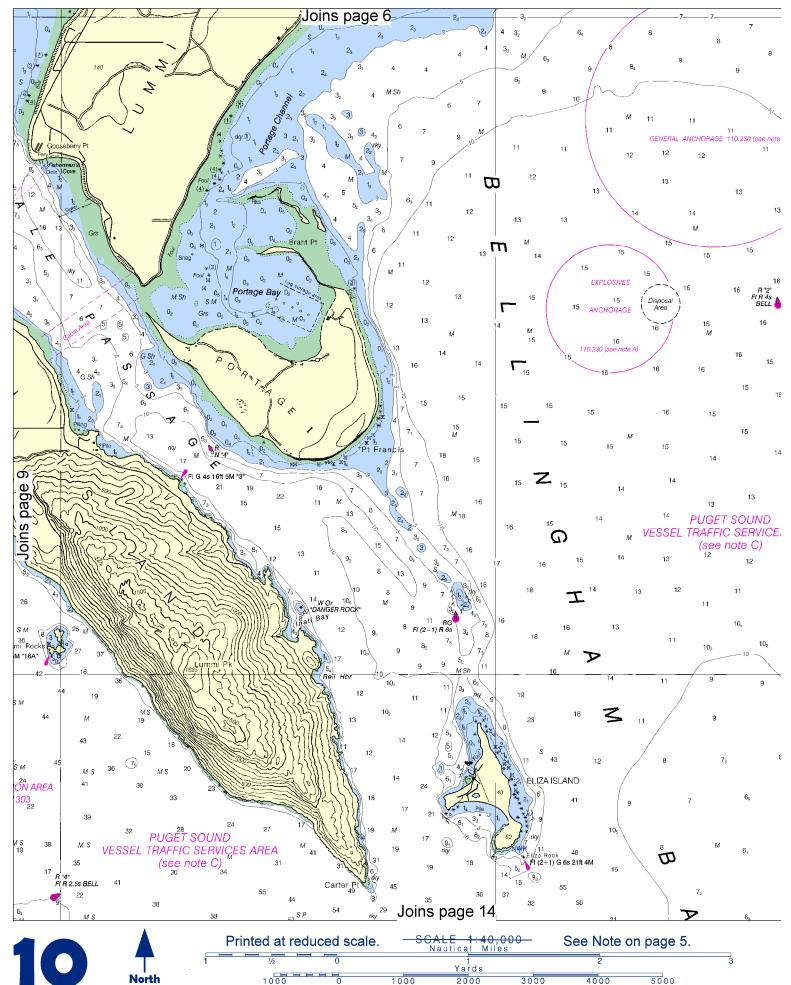
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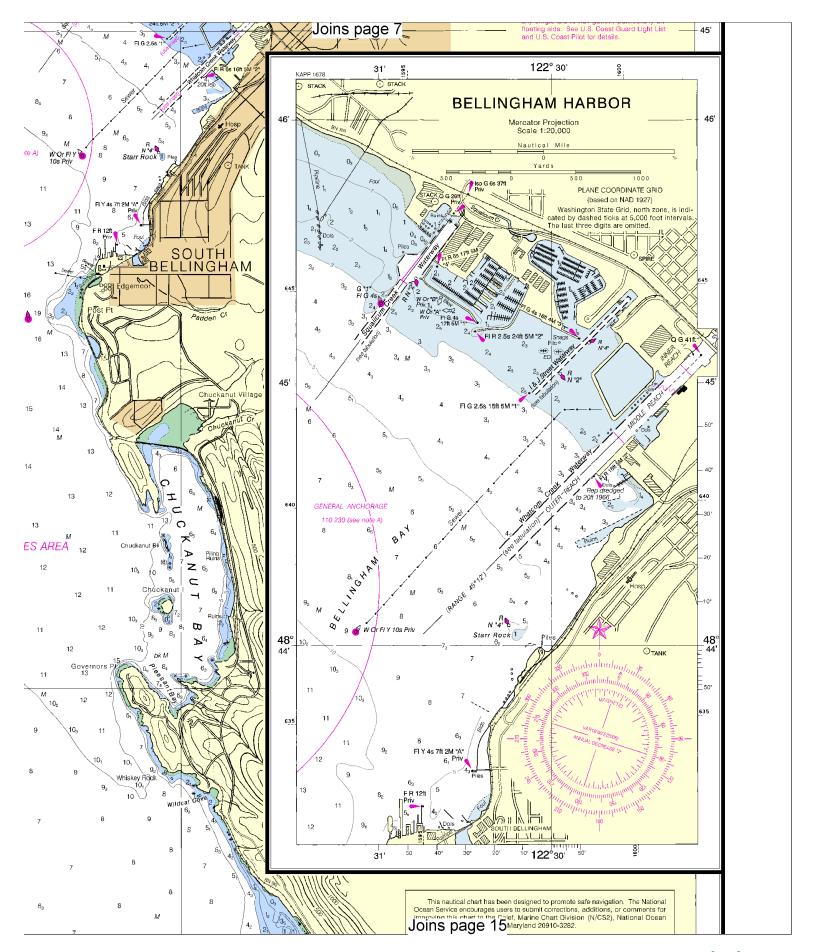


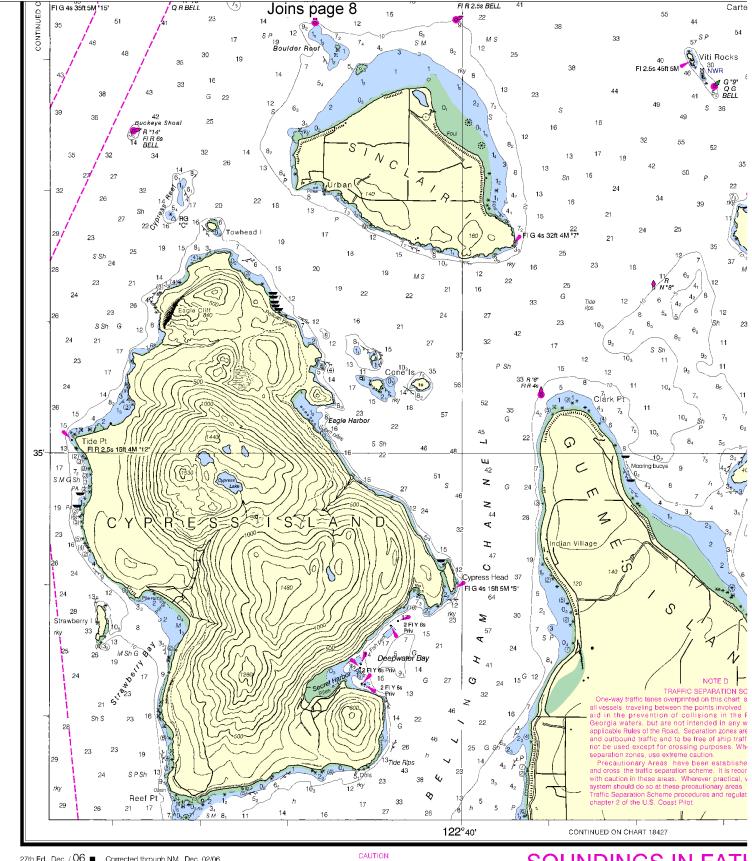












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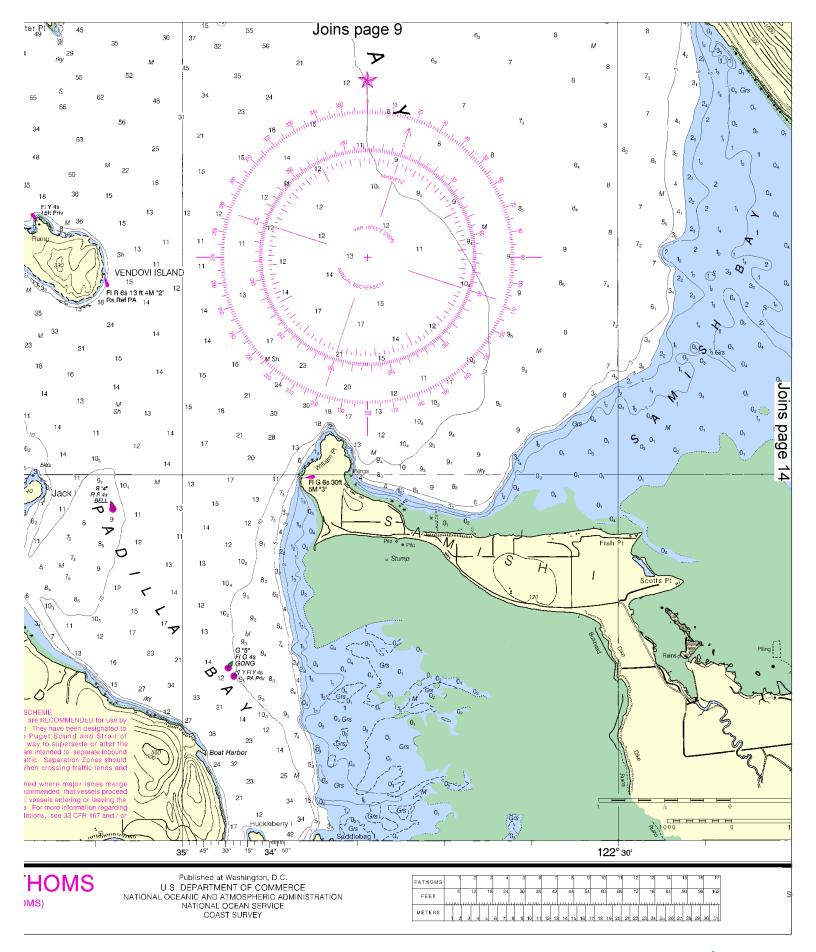
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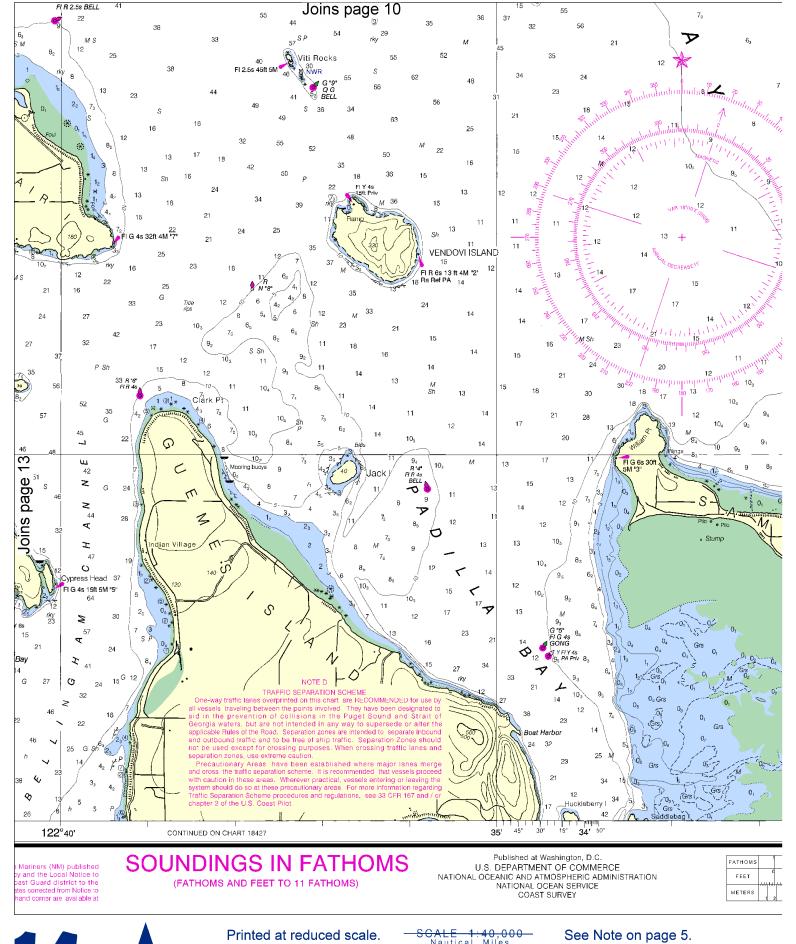
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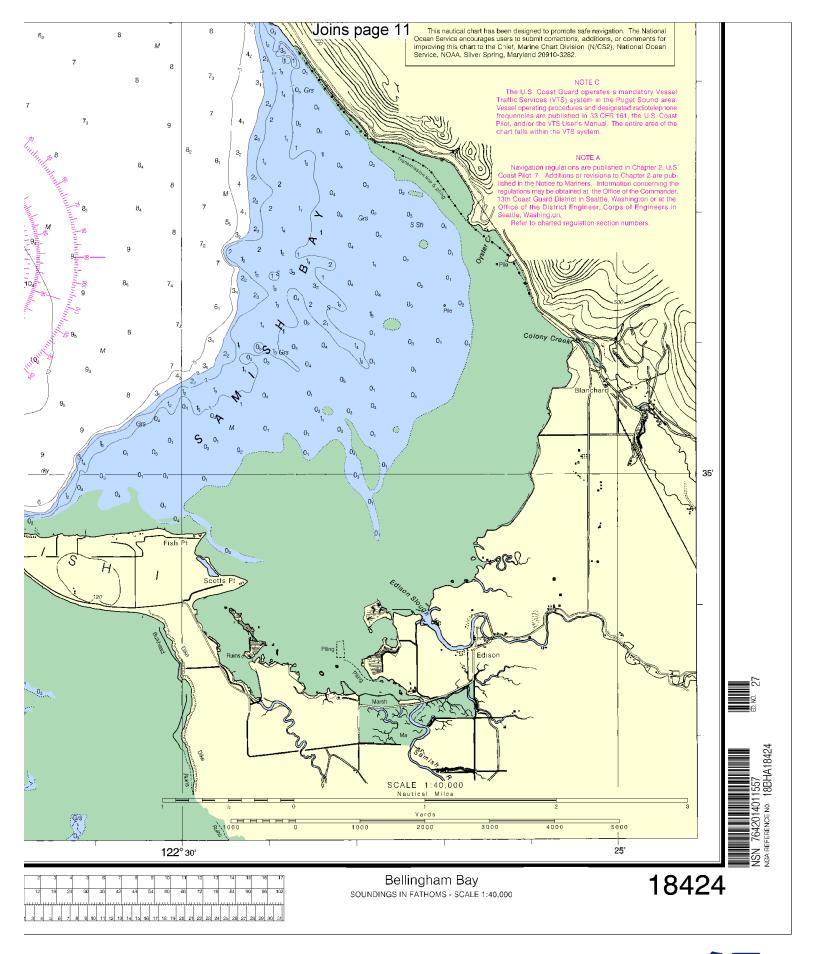












EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue – 206-220-7001 Coast Guard Port Angeles – 360-457-4404 Commercial Vessel Assistance – 1-800-367-8222

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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